

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Steve Foote, AICP
Community Development Director

Date: January 26, 2015

Subject: Six Month Review of Zoning/Land Development Code Rewrite

HISTORY

The changes to Chapter 16 and 27 were presented at the January 12, 2015 City Council meeting. Staff accepted all prior amendments that have been discussed with the City Council as decided in the last meeting. Documents attached to this item as "2nd Read" contain only the edits made by staff following the January 12th meeting. All changes are included in the ordinances for adoption.

BACKGROUND

The City's Ordinances are established to implement goals and visions identified in the City's long-range planning documents. As those long-range planning documents are dynamic, the implementation tools themselves should be amended as necessary to maintain concurrence with adopted plans. As such, during the Zoning Code Rewrite adoption process in the fall of 2013, staff committed to conduct analyses in regard to the functionality of the adopted code over the subsequent six months so as to identify any changes that would make the codes more effective and continue guiding development in a Dunwoody-specific manner.

This was performed and staff initiated the review of identified amendments with the City Council in 2014. After lengthy review of the proposed changes the Council initiated the review process with the Community Council and Planning Commission. Both bodies dedicated a considerable amount of time to discussing the proposed changes and listening to input from the public. The documents included in the City Council agenda packet tonight reflect the input of the Community Council, Planning Commission, and the public during the process to date.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of the amendments to Chapter 16 and 27 as included in the attached ordinances.